

**CITY OF METTER
CALLED MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

A called meeting/budget workshop was held at City Hall on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Mayor Pro-tem Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman Paul MacGregor
Councilwoman Amy Harrelson
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Interim City Manager Carter Crawford
Finance Manager Cindy Collins
City Clerk Angie Conner – present for last part of meeting
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Chief of Police Robert Shore
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield
Director of Tourism/Business Development Heidi Jeffers
Mandi Carter, Metter Advertiser

There were no guests present.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Harrelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Sikes gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to extend the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a resolution to extend the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for each fund of the City of Metter, Georgia at the same average monthly spending level. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Purpose of the meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed FY 2020 budgets for all funds.

General Fund

Interim City Manager Carter Crawford began going over the Revenues in the General Fund. He also told Council had requested back taxes owed from the Tax Commissioner. Once we have this number we can include that in the revenues.

Final expenses cannot be determined until the County provides a list of what they agree to pay the City.

Mr. Crawford did mention several things that could be factors in the budget.

- Possibility of Allgreen paying franchise fees
- The streetlight fee will be collected for 10 months
- Employee retirement reduced to 4% instead of 6%
- The retirement dues are added back into the Police and Fire
- Possibility of discontinuing trackers on cars provided by Verizon

Interim City Manager Crawford informed Council of his ability to remain with the City until June 30, 2020 if they choose to keep him. He would like to help with the budget process until we get everything in order.

The FY 20 revenues for the general fund are estimated at \$3,324,797 and the expenditures at \$3,352,064. This leaves a difference of -\$27,267.

Water & Sewer Fund

The FY 20 projected revenues for the water and sewer fund are \$1,701,452 and the projected expenditures are \$1,550,897. The difference is \$150,555. We would like to put this money in renewal and replacement.

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The water and sewer revenues are projected using an increased base rate of \$15.00 for water and \$15.00 for sewer and a 3 to 4 percent increase per usage tiers. The proposed plan is a 5-year plan.

Sanitation Fund

The projected revenues for the sanitation fund are \$502,309 and the projected expenditures are \$447,396 for a difference of \$24,913. The lease purchase for the truck was moved from the general fund. We are looking at putting the \$24,913 in a reserve account.

Hotel Motel Tax Fund

The revenues are projected at \$69,996. The expenditures are projected at \$71,449 for a difference of -\$1,453.

2011 and 2018 SPLOST Fund

The proposed 2020 expenditures for the 2011 SPLOST and 2018 SPLOST are more than the available funds. We are in the process of balancing these funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Boyd called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Cindy Collins, Finance